

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Docket No. ACR2016

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO
QUESTION 1 OF CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 21

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its responses to the above-listed question of Chairman's Information Request No. 21, issued on February 23, 2017. Each question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. In a November 15, 2016 press release, which can be found at:
http://about.usps.com/news/state-releases/mi/2016/mi_2016_1115a.htm, the Postal Service stated that postal employees would be delivering parcels in the morning.
 - a. Please discuss how the Postal Service tracks the cost of parcel-only delivery routes.
 - b. Please provide the number of parcel-only delivery route-days in FY 2016.
 - i. Please specify whether these routes are categorized as Special Purpose Routes (SPRs) or regular delivery.
 - ii. Please specify if carrier time spent delivering parcels in the manner described is categorized as SPR or regular delivery for costing purposes.
 - iii. Please provide the Time and Attendance Collection System code that carriers were clocked into when delivering on parcel-only routes.
 - c. Please provide the data sources the Postal Service uses to isolate the cost of parcel-only delivery routes.

RESPONSE:

- a. The cost for parcel-only delivery routes are tracked in the In-Office Cost System (IOCS). They are identified by question Q16E01, option B and by Q16B01C, option A.
- b. Parcel-only delivery routes are determined locally, not nationally, so the number of parcel-only delivery route-days is not available.
- i. In general, parcel-only delivery routes fall into the Special Purpose Route (SPR), rather than regular delivery, category.
 - ii. Carriers that are delivering parcels to their own letter route at unusual hours normally clock to their regular MODS operation codes in LDC 22. One reason for that is so that the route gets credit for the appropriate volume. In these cases, the carrier will be recorded as assigned to their regular letter route. During peak season, carriers may

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instead clock to an LDC 23 MODS code. Nevertheless, if they are delivering to their regular letter route, they will likely be recorded in IOCS as assigned to their regular letter route. During peak season, there is also an increase in carriers delivering parcels that span multiple letter routes; these would be recorded as a parcel-only delivery route, i.e. SPR.

iii. The Time and Attendance System (TACS) codes for street delivery are:

| <u>LDC</u> | <u>MODS</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 22 | 713 | VIM ROUTE - STREET |
| 22 | 715 | 2-TRIP BUSINESS - STREET |
| 22 | 717 | BUSINESS - STREET |
| 22 | 719 | RESIDENTIAL FOOT-STREET |
| 22 | 721 | RESIDENTIAL MOTOR-STREET |
| 22 | 727 | MIXED FOOT - STREET |
| 22 | 729 | MIXED MOTOR - STREET |
| 23 | 723 | Sunday Parcel Street |
| 23 | 725 | AMAZON FRESH STREET |
| 23 | 733 | PARCEL-POST-STREET |
| 23 | 735 | RELAY-STREET |
| 23 | 737 | COMBINATION-STREET |
| 23 | 739 | CARRIER DRIVERS-STREET |
| 23 | 767 | EXPRESS MAIL DELIVERY |

The specific TACS code used is determined locally.

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c. IOCS is used to isolate the costs of parcel-only delivery routes. In addition, there is one NSA associated with Sunday Delivery. Data from Operations that record Sunday hours and costs are used to evaluate the details of that specific NSA.